Take a Summer Photo for Science and the Environment

Broadkill Beach CoastSnap Station for citizen science photos

DNREC Encourages Community Science at Beaches and Marshes

As the summer comes to a close, the <u>Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control</u> is encouraging community members and visitors to the First State to use their smartphones to help monitor environmental change.

DNREC's Division of Watershed Stewardship Shoreline and Division of Climate, Coastal and Energy recently installed five monitoring stations at three sites along Delaware's beaches and at two sites comprising the <u>Delaware National</u> Estuarine Research Reserve (DNERR).

Visitors to the beach sites can use a smartphone app called CoastSnap, while guests at the marsh and reforestation sites at DNERR can upload and send photos by email through Chronolog.

CoastSnap locations include <u>Broadkill Beach</u>, <u>Herring Point</u> in Cape Henlopen State Park, and the <u>south side of Indian River Inlet</u> in Delaware Seashore State Park. <u>CoastSnap DE</u> is a partnership among DNREC, the University of Delaware and Delaware Sea Grant, which funded the initiative.

Chronolog stations are located at the <u>St. Jones Reserve</u> in Dover and at the <u>Blackbird Creek Reserve</u> in Townsend. For both efforts, the photos will be used to create a timelapse project for helping to observe and document environmental changes.

Instructions on how to upload photos are displayed at each of the locations.

About DNREC

The Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control protects and manages the state's natural resources, protects public health, provides outdoor recreational opportunities and educates Delawareans about the environment. The DNREC <u>Division of Watershed Stewardship</u> develops and implements innovative watershed assessment, monitoring and implementation activities. The DNREC <u>Division of Climate</u>, <u>Coastal and Energy</u> uses science, education, policy development and incentives to address Delaware's climate, energy and coastal challenges. For more information, visit the <u>website</u> and connect with @DelawareDNREC on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> or <u>LinkedIn</u>.

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